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NOTES AND NEWS.

Dr. George Bruce Halsted has been elected Corresponding Member of the Société des Sciences Physiques et Naturelles de Bordeaux, in whose Mémoires appeared his work La contribution non euclidienne à la philosophie. F.

Messrs. Ginn and Company announce the publication of a book entitled *The Hindu-Arabic Numerals*, by David Eugene Smith, of Columbia University, and Louis C. Karpinski, of the University of Michigan. The work gives a complete story of the rise and development of the numerals, and is illustrated with numerous facsimiles from early inscriptions and manuscripts, most of which have not hitherto been published in connection with this subject, and all of which contribute to a very marked degree to an understanding of the problem. S.

The Mathematics Club of Columbia University is a new organization for the purpose of promoting personal and intellectual relations among the graduate students and faculty in the department of mathematics. Regular meetings of an informal character will be held for the reading and discussion of papers. This organization is in addition to the more formal Mathematical Colloquium of long standing in the department. A similar organization has existed at the University of Chicago for several years, to supplement the work of the Mathematical Club and Seminar and to form a rallying point for mathematical students early in their graduate course. S.

In the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers during the past few years, important reports have been presented on the teaching of biology, chemistry, physics, algebra, geometry, and unified mathematics. In addition to these formal reports numerous symposiums and discussions have been published in *School Science and Mathematics*. At the recent annual meeting in Cleveland, there was presented an important report on the fundamental findings of all the previous documents, including both those common to the various subjects and those peculiar to special subjects. This report is well worth the careful study of all teachers of mathematics. It shows the constructive and coherent activity of this association. Copies may be obtained from the press of *School Science and Mathematics*, 2059 East 72nd Place, Chicago, Illinois. S.

BOOKS.

Text Book on Practical Astronomy. By George L. Hosmer, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 8 vo. Cloth, vii+205 pages. 78 figures. Price, $2.00 net. New York: John Wiley & Sons.